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A N
A B R I D G E M E N T
O F T H E
E N G L I S H
M i l i t a r y D i s c i p l i n e .

Of the Exercise of the Foot.



When a Bo-
dy of Men
are drawn
up to Ex-
ercise, the
distance of
their Ranks must be at six
A 2 Foot,

Foot, and their Files at three Foot, that they may have liberty to use their Arms.

The Officers of the Body, (he onely excepted that is to give the Words of Command) are to draw off to the Right and Left, forming a Rank on each Wing, opposite the one to the other.

The Officer Commanding, is to place himself before the Middle of the Pikes, about ten Foot distance from them, the better to observe what is done, and to be the more easily

easily understood by the whole Body.

The Words of Command must be given Leisurely, that the Souldiers may perform their Postures without Confusion.

The Officer must first Command Silence, and then proceed (as followeth) to the

Exercise of the Musquet.

S Houlder your Musquet.
Lay your right hand on your Musquet.

Poyse your Musquet.

Rest your Musquet.

A 3 Handle

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Handle your Match.

Blow your Match.

Cock and try your Match.

Guard your Pan.

Blow your Match.

Open your Pan.

Present.

Give Fire.

Recover your Arms.

Return your Match.

Clean your Pan with your
Thumb.

Handle your Primer.

Prime your Pan.

Shut your Pan with a full
Hand.

Blow off your loose Corns.

Cast about to Charge.

Handle

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Handle your Charger.

Open it with your Teeth.

Charge with Powder.

Draw forth your Scowrer.

Shorten it to an Inch a-
gainst your right Breast.

Charge with Bullet.

Ram down Powder and
Ball.

Withdraw your Scowrer.

Shorten it to a handful.

Return your Scowrer.

Poyse your Musquet.

Shoulder your Musquet.

Order your Musquet.

Exercise of the Pike.

ADvance your Pikes.
Charge to the Front.

To the Right.

To the Right.

To the Right.

To the Right.

To the Right about.

To the Left about as you
were.

Charge to the Left.

To the Left.

To the Left.

To the Left.

To the Left about.

To the Right about as you
were.

Ad-

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Advance your Pikes.

From Advance, Shoulder
your Pikes.

From Shoulder, Charge to
the Front.

Shoulder as you were.

From your Shoulder,
Charge to the Right.

Shoulder as you were.

Charge to the Right about.

Shoulder as you were.

Charge to the Left.

Shoulder as you were.

To the Left about.

Shoulder as you were.

From your Shoulder, Port.

From your Port, Comport.

From your Comport,
Charge

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Charge to the Front.
From your Charge, Trail,
Facing to the Right
about.
Charge as you were.
Advance your Pikes.

*Exercise of the Musquet
and Pike together.*

S Houlder your Musquet.
Musqueteers, Make
ready.

At which time, the
Musqueteers must Lei-
suredly and Distinctly
perform every particular
Posture of the Musquet
together. The

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The Musqueteers being ready, the Pikes are to Charge as the Musqueteers are Faced.

To the Right.

To the Right.

To the Right.

To the Right.

To the Right about.

To the Left about as you were.

To the Left.

To the Left.

To the Left.

To the Left.

To the Left about.

To the Right about as you were.

Ad-

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Advance your Pikes.
Return your Matches.
Shoulder your Musquets.
Order your Arms.
Pikes, to your inside Order.
Lay down your Arms.

Which Posture is to be performed with their Left Legs ; and stooping all together, their Arms being upon the ground, they must take care to Rise all together, every one observing his Right hand man, at the Word of Command.

Quit

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Quit your Arms.

Face all to the Right about.

March clear off your Arms.

To the Left about to your
Leader.

March to your Arms.

Handle your Arms.

Which must be done
stepping forward with
their Left Legs, and
stooping, Laying their
hands upon their Arms,
expecting the Word of
Command.

Order your Arms.

Pikes, to your outside Order.

Poyse

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Poyse your Musquets.
Advance your Pikes,
Shoulder your Musquets.
March.

This way of Exercise is not altogether the same with what hath been hitherto in use, wherein it was thought fit to make some alteration, by leaving out some Words as superfluous, and changing some of the Postures for others that are of greater Use and readines.

Clo

Closings and Openings.

R Ranks, close forward
to Order.

Ranks, close forward to
close Order.

Ranks, open backwards to
Order.

Ranks, open backwards to
open Order.

Ranks, open backward to
double distances.

The Ranks fall back
without changing aspect.

Files, close to the Right.

B Files,

Poyse your Musquets.
Advance your Pikes,
Shoulder your Musquets.
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Files, close to the Right.

B

Files,

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Files, close to the Left.

Files, close to the Center.

Files, open from the Right.

Files, open from the Left.

Files, open from the Center.

For performing of which, the Body faces to the hand named, and moves. If to the Right, the second File from the right first takes its distance, by moving slower then its Leader : the rest of the Files do the like successively, and the left hand File moves not at all.

Doublings,

Doublings.

Ranks, to the right hand
double.

March.

Ranks, to the left hand as
you were.

March.

Ranks, to the left hand
double

March.

Ranks, to the right hand as
you were.

March.

The Ranks that dou-
ble, are to observe their
B 2 right

right hand Man , to move at the same time with him ; They begin their motion with the foot next the hand named, and are to come into their places at three steps. In this doubling, the even Ranks double into the odd. And if you would have the odd Ranks also double, Face the Body to the Rere ; and the same Words of Command will perform it.

To reduce the Ranks.

The Ranks that doubled, are first to Face to the contrary hand, then beginning with the contrary foot, at three steps to come into their former ground. Files doubling is perform'd in the same manner, and is the same thing with the reduction of doubled Ranks; the reduction of doubled Files is the same thing with doubling Ranks.

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Dou-

*Doubling of half Files
with the Reduction.*

Rere half Files to the Right,
double your Front.

March.

To the Left about as you
were.

March.

Rere half Files to the Left,
double your Front.

March.

To the Right about as you
were.

March.

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If you do it upon a March, let your Rere half Files move into the Front with a quicker motion, the Front half Files still continuing theirs. And for Reduction, let the Rere half Files without facing about, stand till the Front half Files have passed them, and then fall after their proper Leaders.

B 4

Fire-

Fireings.

By two Ranks advanced
THe Commander in
chief gives no Com-
mand nor Direction besides
Make ready.
Present.
Give fire.

And the first of these
he uses but once.

The Souldiers are to
be instructed and minded
by subaltern Officers,
that when the two first
Ranks make ready and
advance

advance forward, the Body of Musqueteers is to make good the Front of Pikes, and the two next Ranks unshoulder and make ready, without any Word of Command; and when the last Rank presents, or both, if both fire together, to advance, and this also without any Word of Command. If the Ranks be at six Foot, they are also at their advancing to close forward to three Foot, without any Word of Command.

mand. If you fire by Single Ranks, the first presents at three motions, beginning with his left foot, which as he advances, he blows his Match ; At advancing his right, he opens his Pan, Presenting at the third step. Afterwards they File into the Rere within three Foot of the Body. Every Souldier is to be careful to place himself in his own File, which is also taken care of by the Officers in the Rere.

Fire-

Fireing to the Flanks.

TO the Right and Left
present, falling off
after your bringers up.

For this you leave six
Foot between your Di-
visions of Musqueteers
and your Pikes; which the
Officers must have a
great care to keep open,
by causing the Musque-
teers to incline to the
Right and Left after e-
very fireing to the Flank.
the

the two outermost Files are to make ready, keeping along with the Body, and not to present, nor face to the Flanks, till ready; as soon as they have Fired, they face to the Rere, and are by an Officer led athwart it, and so up between their own Divisions and the Pikes. As soon as the outermost Files face to the Flanks, the two next Files are to make ready without any Word of Command, and keep along with the Body, till the
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the outermost Files be wheeled clear off them. The Files that fire to the Left, are to blow, advancing with their right Leg.

Firing to the Rere.

Last Rank, make ready.
~~To the Rere~~ present.

The last Rank makes ready.
 Which it doth keeping along with the Body; the Musqueteers Advancing with their Right Legs, Blow; Advancing with the Left, Open their
 their

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Fireing to the Rere.

Last Rank, make ready.
~~To the Rere~~ present.

The last Rank makes ready

~~Which it doth~~ keeping along with the Body; the Musqueteers Advancing with their Right Legs, Blow; Advancing with the Left, Open their

their Pans ; then turning upon the Ball of their Left Foot to the **R**ight about, cast their Right Leg backward, and fire then immediately at a good Round rate, within three Foot of their Body, March up into the Front. Alſoon *as the laſt Rank Faces about to Preſent, every other Rank of Muſqueteers falls back to the Rank of Pikes that Marched behind it, ſo to keep the Rere full, and leave a Vacancy of one

one Rank in the Front of the Musqueteers, for the Rank that Fired to place it self.

The Word *Make ready* is made Use of but once, afterwards when the last Rank faces about; the next to it is to Make ready, keeping along with the Body.

Firing the Street-way.

We that have fewer
Pikes, should cause the half
Files

Files of Pikes to double, that they may cover the Musqueteers.

The Colours and Drums are to be between the Pikes and Musqueteers, the Captains with the Pikes, and the Lieutenants with the Musqueteers. Lieutenants or Serjeants cause the two first Ranks of the Musqueteers to Face to the Right or Left, and make ready ; then Two and Two to File up to the Front, and March athwart it ; then to present. The Pikes ought to be charged, and the Musqueteers

queteers to stoop very low, and be carefull to carry the Muzzles of their Musquets low. When they have Fired, they pass away, still stooping to the contrary Flank, and within three Foot of it, into the Rere of the Musqueteers.

As they move away by the Left Flank, the next by the Right, Succeed them.

If the Horse give you time, let the Pikes Port or Advance to ease themselves.

That you may always reserve some Fire, it is best to Fire but one Rank at a

C time ;

time; Assoon as that
Wheels off, the Second
Steps into it's place, and a
third Rank comes in be-
tween it and the Pikes.
If the Street you are to de-
fend be very Broad, you
must of necessity make an
Interval besides those on
the Flanks, Wide enough
for Two Men on a Breast,
One to March up, the other
down; For otherwise the
long Intermission between
the Fireings will give the
Horse opportunity to At-
taque you. The Musqueteers
in Presenting are to fall
back

back with their Right Legs,
and by no means to Advance.

Swedes way.

REre half Files of Mus-
queteers to the Right
or Left, double your Front.

Then Divide them into
Equal Subdivisions, the
Rere of the Foremost Sub-
divisions to Rank even
with the Front of the Hin-
dermost; the Rere of the
Hindermost with the Front
of Pikes, of which one half
Advancing interchangeably.

Great care is to be taken

C 2 that

that they return well their Rammers, lest they hurt those that stand before them : Presenting either all Three Ranks, or Two only, and one standing Guarded ; they which have fired, rise up, and make Ready on their Ground, and the Rere Subdivisions passing through the Intervals, fire in like manner.

The Intervals to be very little Wider then to permit Passage to the Subdivision of the Rere. They are also to fall back with their Right Legs, without Advancing.

Re.

Reduction.

Musqueteers, to the
Right about.

March all till Even with
your Rere of Pikes.

To the Left about all.

Front half Files, March till
Even with your Front of
Pikes.

^ To make a Square.

Face to your four Angles.

The Intervals between
C 3 the

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square is to be read there.*

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square & is to be read there*

the Half Ranks and Half Files Divide the Body into four parts ; if there be an odd File, it Faces with the Right Half Ranks.

To your proper Front.

In all Facings, the Soldiers are to keep their Left Foot fixed, turning Round on the Ball of it, and bringing about their Right.

A Solid Square.

TO Draw a solid Square, make it first Equal

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Equal on all sides, by the Square Root, then girdle it with Shot, which is speedily perform'd by these Words of Command.

Rere half Files of Shot, to the Right about.

Musqueteers, March all till clear of the Pikes.

Face inwards, and March till you close in the Center.

Musqueteers that are clear of Front and Rere, wheel into the Flanks. *or thus*

Reduction.

Musqueteers that
wheel'd into the
C 4 Flanks,

Flanks, wheel into Front and Rere. Face all outwards, and March till clear of the Pikes, then face in opposition, and close.

To make a Hollow Square.

L Et the three outermost Files of Pikes of each Flank stand.

Rere half Files, to the Right hand about.

Front and Rere half Files, March.

Flanks of Pikes face inward. March.

Rere half Files of Mus-
queteers

queteers , to the right
hand about.

Musqueteers, March all till
clear of the Pikes.

Musqueteers, face inwards,
and March till you close
in the Center of the Pikes.

Musqueteers that are clear
of your Pikes, face in op-
position, and Flank your
Pikes.

Reduction.

Musqueteers that Flank
the Pikes, wheel in-
to Front and Rere.

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Musqueteers, face to the
Right and Left outwards,
and March till clear of
your Pikes, then face in-
wards, and close.

Pikes of the Flanks, face
outward, and March till
clear of the Front and
Rere half Files.

Front and Rere half Files,
face inwards, and close.

For greater expedition,
the Words of Command
may be given at the same
time to Pikes and Mus-
queteers by two Officers.

of

Of Marching.

IN Marching, the Officers are to observe that the Ranks be at twelve Foot distance, and that the Files be closed Shoulder to Shoulder, unless when a Battalion Marches in a Body, in which case the Files must keep such a distance, that they may have the liberty of their Arms.

The Souldiers must always begin to March with
their

their right Foot first ; which is observed to conduce most to keep the Ranks even.

The Captains are to March with their Pikes Shouldered; A Lieutenant to March with a Partizan ; And an Ensign to March with his Pike Comported, which is to be the distinction between the Captains and other Officers.

Serjeants have no place assigned them in Marching, but are to be moving up and down, to observe that the Ranks and Files be at their due distance.

Of

*Of Drawing up a Body of
Men, and the Place of the
Officers.*

WHen a Regiment
is to be Drawn up,
the easiest and readiest way
of Placing the Companies
is, that the Eldest Compa-
ny Draw up on the Right
hand, and the second Com-
pany on the Left, the Third
next to the First, the Fourth
next to the Second, and so
consequently to the young-
est, which is to be in the
Center; for which the
Words of Command are,
Mus-

Musqueteers, to the Right
and Left outwards.

Pikes, to the Right and Left
inwards.

Interchange Ground.

March.

When a Regiment hath
so taken its Ground, to Place
the Officers, you must di-
vide the Lieutenants equal-
ly, Placing one half of them
at the head of the Right
Wing of Shot, and the other
at the Left ; The Ensigns
are to be at the Head of the
Pikes, upon the same Line
with the Lieutenants, and
each of them at four Foot
distance

distance from the Body.

The Captains are likewise to be divided equally, and Placed on each Wing, four Foot before the Lieutenants. None must stand before the Ensigns, but he onely that Commands in Chief, who is to be ten Foot before the Pikes; there must be a Serjeant Placed at the Right and Left of every Rank, and the Rest of the Serjeants are to be in the Rere, at twelve Foot distance from the Body, making a Parallel line to the last Rank.

The

The Drums must be divided likewise, one half on the right Wing, and the other on the left, and are to stand on the same Line with the first Rank of the Soldiers.

It is to be understood, that this way of Placing of the Officers, is onely for Ordinary drawings out, either for Musters or Parade; For upon any occasion of Service, they are to be otherwise placed, as shall be shewn hereafter.

But if the Regiments March in a Body, this Order

der of the Officers must be changed ; For then the Lieutenants are to be removed from the Front to the Rere, the rest of the Officers keeping still their same Post ; and the Serjeants that were in the Rere must be moving up and down, to see that the Ranks and Files March according to the Rules above given.

And if the Regiment March in Division, the difference is yet greater : for then one half of the Captains are to March at the Head of the first Division of

D Shot,

Shot, and the other in the
 Rere of the last Division :
 One half likewise of the
 Lieutenants are to be in the
 Rere of the first Division
 of Shot, and the other at
 the Head of the last ; The
 Ensigns are to March be-
 fore the Pikes, and no
 other Officer at their
 Head.

The Officers in March-
 ing, are to observe the same
 Distance from the Body,
 as when they were Drawn
 up.

Of Salutes.

WHen a Regiment is Drawn up, the Officers are to Salute one after another, as the Person passes by whom they are to Salute.

If the Regiment March in Division, the Officer that Commands must begin first to Salute, and the Captains that March in a Rank behind him, must not Salute till he hath done, and then they must

observe all one Motion ;
 The Lieutenants likewise
 when they Salute, must
 keep the same Time, as al-
 so the Ensigns ; which is
 much more Graceful then
 doing it one after ano-
 ther.

The Ensigns must fur-
 ther observe in their Sa-
 lutes, to bring their Co-
 lours all the same way,
 otherwise they will be apt
 to meet and Entangle.

In making a Guard when
 the King or Queen passes
 by, the Pikes must be Advan-
 ced ; Otherwise onely the
 Drums

Drums Beat, the Musquets are Shouldered, and the Pikes Ordered.

When the King or General comes in the Rere, the Colours or Officers are not to March through the Ranks, but to keep still at the Front: If it be in the Field, and the whole Army Drawn up, then as the King Marches by, every Battalion is to Charge their Pikes, and Rest their Musquets; which is a Posture of more Guard.

*Of Wheeling, when a Body
Marches in Division.*

WHen the Word of Command is given to Wheel, (if it be to the Right) the Right-hand man is to keep his Ground, and onely turn upon his Heel, whilest at the same time the Left-hand man moves about quick, till the Officer bids him Stand.

The second Rank doth not begin to Wheel, till they

they have taken the Ground of the first : So every Rank is to take the Ground of that which is before them ; Upon which depends this way of Wheeling.

Of the Exercise of Horse.

THe Exercise of Horse consisting in fewer Words of Command than that of Foot, is more generally known, and there

is little need of any Alteration to be made therein, but what is rather for Shew then Use.

When a Troop or Squadron are to Exercise, they must first have Charg'd their Carabins and Pistols; And when the Corporals have been through the Ranks, and seen that they are all ready, the Officer must Command Silence, and proceed as followeth. Lay your Hands upon your Swords.

Draw your Swords.

Put

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Put your Swords into your
Bridle Hands.

Lay your Hands upon your
Pistols.

Draw your Pistols.

Cock your Pistols.

Hold up your Hands.

* Give fire.

Return your Pistols.

** Note, after they have given Fire, they must still keep their Hands up, till the word of Command be given to Return their Pistols.*

The same Words of
Command are given for
the other Pistol, and then
as followeth.

Lay

Lay your hands upon your
Carabins.

Advance your Carabins.

Cock your Carabins.

Present your Carabins.

Give Fire.

Let fall your Carabins.

Take your Swords from
your Bridle Hands.

Return your Swords.

All which Motions the
Officer must take care to
see done exactly at the
same Time, and therefore
must not give the Words
of Command too fast.

When a Body of Horse
is Drawn up, the Officers
must

must stand close to their Men; onely he that Commands must be a Horse length before the Rest of the Officers : And they must observe the same thing in Marching ; for nothing is more unseemly, than to see the Officers at too great a Distance from their Men.

It is thought necessary to make an Alteration in the manner of Wheeling of Horse ; For whereas formerly, when a Squadron of Horse was Commanded to Wheel, (if it were
to

to the Right) the Right-hand Men closed to the Left ; Which way was found subject to put the Ranks out of Order, and therefore the Practise now is, That the Right-hand Men should keep their Ground, onely turning their Horses Heads to the Right, whilst the Left comes about ; in which Motion they must observe their Left-hand man.

When a Squadron of Horse is to Charge another, it is better they should do it with their
Swords

Swords in their Hands, than
either with their Pistols or
Carabins.

*The manner of Encamping for
Horse or Foot.*

THere must be allow-
ed One hundred Pa-
ces for the Encamping of a
Battalion consisting in six-
teen Companies, and fifty
Men in each Company.

There must be allowed
fifty Paces for a Squadron
consisting in three Troops,
and fifty Men in each
Troop.

From

From the Head of the First Line, to the Head of the Second, there is commonly allowed three hundred Paces, whereof One hundred and twenty are for the Encamping of the first Line ; So that there remains One hundred and eighty Paces for the distance between the last Tents of the first Line, and the Head of the Second.

It is to be observed that this measure of ground aforesaid is meant onely for the Encamping of an Army; For if it was to be ranged
in

in Battel in case of Service,
the distances between the
Battalions or Squadrons
must be greater than in a
Camp.

It must be endeavoured
as much as may be, that
the Second Line be equal
to the First, keeping the
same Distance upon the
Right and Left.

All Troops or Compa-
nies of Horse or Foot con-
sisting but of fifty Men, are
to be Encamped on one
Row of Baraques or Hutts ;
But when the Troops or
Companies consist in more
Men

Men, there must be two or three Rows of Baraques or Hutts.

It is to be observed, that in each Squadron or Battalion, the Collonels Company is always upon the Right or Left, and there make their Row of Hutts: behind them must be left a space for the Street, then the Second Company makes their Row of Hutts; near to which the Third makes theirs, leaving the space of two Foot onely between their Hutts, which is called the By-Street. And the

the same thing is observed by the Horse.

The Hutts of the Foot always open towards the Street.

The Baraques of the Cavalry always open towards the Horses Heads.

*The Particulars of Encamping
of a Battalion.*

When the Adjutant
or Quartermaster
hath his Ground allotted to
him for the Encamping of a
Battalion, which is com-
E monly

monly One hundred Paces, he is to divide it in the manner following ; (viz.) He must allow Seven Foot Square to each Hutt, Two Foot to the By-streets, and Fifteen Foot to the great Streets.

Every Company consisting of Fifty Men, ought to have Ten Hutts ; and there must be the distance of Two Foot between the Hutts.

The Kitchens must be marked out at Twelve Foot distance from the last Row of Hutts, and must be

be Placed just over against them, so that the Streets may be open quite through, for the Officers to pass easily to the Head of the Camp, as there shall be occasion.

The length of the Kitchens is to be of Nine Foot, and the breadth of Six Foot.

There must be thirty Paces distance between the Souldiers Kitchens, and the Front of the Captains Tents.

There must be distance of fourty Paces between the Captains Tents, and the Front of the Tents of the

Subaltern Officers ; and the remaining Ground is for the Encamping of the Captains Equipage.

The Sutlers are to Encamp behind the Officers Tents.

By this account, there remains Fifteen or Twenty Paces, which makes the distance from one Battalion to another, which is always left upon the Left hand.

The Pikes (whether they are Placed against a Cross, or in a Stand) must be allowed at Eighteen Foot distance from the Hutts.

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The Musquets must be at Eighteen Foot distance from the Pikes, or they may be Placed upon the same Line with them.

*The Particulars of Encamping
of a Squadron.*

WHen a Quarter-master of Horse hath his Ground allotted to him for a Squadron, which is commonly fifty Paces, he is to divide it in the following manner, *viz.*

He must allow three
E 3 Paces

Paces for the length of a Baraque, and two Paces distance from the Opening of the Baraque to the Stakes to which the Horses are fastened, and three Paces for each Horses standing, and ten Paces for the Street.

To the Second Troop is to be allowed two Paces distance, three Paces for their Baraques, and one Pace distance for the By-street.

The third Troop must have two Paces distance, three Paces for the Baraques, and three Paces for the
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the Horses ; After which, there will remain fifteen Paces, which makes the distance from one Squadron to another.

If the Squadrons are stronger, they must have more Ground ; And this is onely for a Squadron of one hundred and fifty Men, in three Troops, each Troop making but one Row of Baraques.

The Colours must be Placed at eighteen Foot distance from the Front of the Baraques, in the same Line with the Pikes.

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There are commonly ten or twelve Baraques on a Row, for every Troop of fifty Men ; And there must be at least two Paces distance from one Baraque to another.

For the Troops Kitchens, the Officers Tents, and the Sutlers which attend upon the Troops, the same measures are to be observed in proportion, as are used for Encamping of Foot.

By a Pace here, is meant three Foot.

Orders

Orders for Battel.

THough there can be no certain Rules given for any Order of Battel, which depend chiefly upon the circumstances of Place, and other Accidents that may happen, yet I shall set down some which may serve for an Example to shew the nature of the **T**hing.

You must then first of all Command Silence ; next to March very Leisurely. To observe the right in Marching, and preserve the Intervals, which are always to be fifty or sixty
Paces

Paces at least, that fifty of a Battalion may pass through them.

None to speak but the Commander in chief, or the Major by his Order.

Advancing against the Enemy in Battel, out of Musquet Shot, the Captains and other Officers at the head of the Battalion, are all to March in a Line, with their Pikes in their Hands, two good Paces before the Men, and are often to look behind them ; Because otherwise they may insensibly get too much before
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fore the Body; And the Souldiers by following too fast, fall into disorder, whereof great care is to be taken in Marching against an Enemy.

At which time the Ranks are to be two great Paces distant, and the Files closed in such a manner, that every Souldier may March at his ease, and so Charge and Fire; which will be effected, if he have liberty of moving his Elbows as he Marcheth.

When the Musqueteers come within Shot, and
March

March ready with their Pans guarded, the Ranks should be closed forward to the Swords point. But to avoid talking, which usually happens at this instant, it is better to leave the distance of one Pace between the Ranks; so the Souldiers will not press one upon another; which ordinarily causes breach of Silence in a Battalion. The distance of Files is to be preserved as hath been said already.

He that Commands a Battalion, is to be in the Center of it, at the Head
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of the Pikes; the Officer next in degree, is to be in the Rere of the Pikes; the third in degree, at the Right Wing of Shot, in the Front; the fourth, at the Left Wing of Shot, in the Front; The rest of the Captains are to be in the Rere on the Wings of Shot, according to their degrees. The Lieutenants are to be Placed, two in the Front, two in the Rere, and one on each Flank. The Colours are to be in the Center of the Pikes. The Serjeants are to be Placed one on the Right and Left of each Rank.

Rank. If a Battalion consist of more then Six Companies, the respective Officers are to be Placed according to the discretion of the Commander of the Battalion.

It were not amiss to Place the Company of the Captain that Commands the left Wing of Shot, on the left of all that Wing ; unless the Battalion be the outermost on the Line : for then the Collonels Company is to be on the Left of all, in this case the Right and Left Exchanging.

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In a Battel, the Captains and other Officers are to March in a Line ; but coming within Shot of the Enemy, and the Musqueteers Marching ready with their Pans guarded, the whole Line of Captains and other Officers is to retire each of them into the Intervals of his Files next after his Post ; yet so, as they may look to the Right and Left of the Battalion. Whilst they are Marching towards the Enemy, they are to be very careful to keep themselves in this Posture, and neither

ther to be forwarder nor backwarder, neither without the Battalion, nor within it. And when they begin to March with their Pikes Charged, and that the Musqueteers are ready, the Ranks are to be closed forward to one small Pace. Assoon as the Battalion comes to thirty Paces distance from the Enemy, let the Musqueteers Fire, the manner of which Firing shall be ordered them before.

The Captain Commanding the Rere, is to observe
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that the Battalion March
 still, to cause the Souldiers
 to close forward easily, and
 without noise or confusion :
 His chief care ought to
 be to Command the Pikes
 ever to March even with
 the Wings of Musqueteers ;
 For it often happens that in
 Marching any considerable
 time in Battel, the Wings
 Advance, and form a Half-
 moon, and the Pikes in the
 middle being extremely press-
 ed upon, the Battalion is
 broken. Provided the moti-
 on of the Pikes be equal on
 the Right and Left, the Bat-
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talion cannot be disordered by its March. Above all, we are carefully to preserve the distance of Ranks and Files, according to what hath been said already.

The Grenadeers (when there are any) are to be drawn up on the Right of the Battalion, and to augment it, without intermixing with it, or troubling the Order of it, they being a separate number of Men that are to be always ready for whatever shall be Com-manded them.

The Commander of a
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talion may be on Horsback at the Head of it, when the Captains are on Foot with their Pikes in their hands, in consideration that he is to be stirring to all parts, to see that the distances be observed ; and above all, that none speak, except himself, or the Major by his Order.

The Commander of a Battalion is to alight when the Musqueteers make ready, and is to March with his Pike charged against the Enemy.

When an Army is Drawn up for Battel, the distance

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between the Lines must be of three hundred Paces, the same as is in a Camp.

Of Defiles.

TO pass a narrow Defile, the readiest way to perform it, and draw up again in Order as soon as past, is to make the Ranks File, if to the Right, the Right-hand man Files first, and the rest of his Rank follow him, till the Defile be past, then they Rank again as they were; this seems better then Files
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fileing, because it immediately makes a Front to the Enemy. If the Rank be great, let it File two abreast, beginning with the two middlemost Files.

For larger Defiles, the Commander draws off as he judges the way will easily receive; in order to which, the Battalion is divided before it Marches, Serjeants taking care of the Subdivisions. The places of the Lieutenants may be according to these Figures, Captains and Ensigns keeping their places.

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